

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action of February 28, 2007 the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment to the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to specify that the capper assembly of the cartridge incorporates a rotor element having a printhead capping face, an ink blotting face and a print media platen face, and that the printhead capper drive assembly if the claimed cradle incorporates a rotor element drive assembly for driving the rotor element to align one of the faces with the printhead. Support for this amendment can be found, for example, at page 5, line 30-page 6, line 3, page 12, lines 4-14 and page 13, line 20-page 14, line 3 of the present specification; and

dependent claims 2-4 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application, nor any new issues to the prosecution of the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-4 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by any one or more of previously cited Schalk, Ando, Horikoshi and Hansen in view of newly cited Stellbrink et al. (US 7,029,091), because none of these cited references teach or suggest a cradle having a rotor element drive assembly for driving a rotor element of a printhead cartridge as recited in amended independent claim 1.

Regarding Specification

The Applicant has amended pages 1 and 2 of the specification by deleting the paragraphs entitled "Cross-references to co-pending applications" and replacing them with new updated paragraphs. The US application numbers have merely been replaced by their corresponding US grant numbers, where applicable. The Applicant submits that these amendments introduce no new matter.

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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